

REMARKS

This Office Action Response is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2007. Claims 10-34 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3-4, and 6-9 are presented herein.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

Claims 10, 12, 16 and 21 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Uchiyama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,140,681). Furthermore, claims 10, 12 and 21 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Miller et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,212,607).

It is noted that claims 10-34 have been canceled, so the rejection is moot. Assignee does not acquiesce to the rejection and reserves the right to present the canceled claims in a continuing application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Claim 17 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uchiyama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,140,681) in view of Yokota (U.S. Patent No. 4,930,066). Claims 18-19 were also rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uchiyama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,140,681) in view of Blumrich (U.S. Patent No. 6,493,800). Furthermore, claim 20 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uchiyama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,140,681) in view of Cherabuddi (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0184445).

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Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner allowed claims 1, 3-4 and 6-9 were allowed. Assignee thanks the Examiner for the allowance of said claims 1, 3-4, and 6-9. The non-allowed claims 10-34 have been canceled. It is therefore believed that the application is in a condition for allowance.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (303) 495-3700 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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